

***Testimony of the Department of Motor Vehicles  
Acting Commissioner Dennis Murphy***

***Veterans' Affairs Committee  
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HB 5352- An Act Concerning Veterans' Plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles

Good morning Chairwoman Flexer, Chairman Hennessey, Ranking Members Martin and Yaccarino and other members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 5352. The legislation as drafted would seem to require DMV to waive plate fees for certain veterans.

Although the Department of Motor Vehicle appreciates the intent of this legislation, it is difficult to determine the fiscal impact this bill would have on the department. The prices of plates vary depending on the type of background. DMV offers sixteen types of military and veteran plates including Gold Star Family, Iwo Jima Survivor, Korean War Veterans Association Inc. and Marine Corp League Inc. just to name a few. Some of these plates are already offered at no cost to the customer.

Also, a Veteran Flag plate is available to an honorably discharged veteran, their surviving spouse or any active duty members of the Armed Forces for a fee of \$27.50 and disabled veterans as defined in CGS 14-254 qualify for a veteran plate fee at no cost.

We hope this information is helpful.